

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application and stand rejected. By the above amendment, claims 1-19 have been canceled without prejudice.

Drawing Objections

A formal set of drawings was filed on May 10, 2007. This objection is thus moot.

Specification Objections

The specification is objected to for having “small text font size” on pages 19-20. However, pages 19 and 20 of Applicants’ specification as filed do not appear to have any “small text font size”. In this regard, this specification objection is unclear and requires clarification, otherwise the objection should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

1. Anticipation

- (a) Claims 1-9 and 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Horvitz (US Patent No. 6,260,035).
- (b) Claims 1, 20, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Messinger (US Patent No. 7,000,187).
- (c) Claims 1, 20, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bala (US Patent Application No. 2004/0130572).
- (d) Claims 10 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mayuzumi (US Patent No. 6,134,644).

B. Obviousness

- (a) Claims 10-19 and 30-34 are rejected as being unpatentable over Horvitz in view of Harel (U.S. Patent No 6,384,843)

(b) Claims 20-25 are rejected as being unpatentable over Hovitz in view of Sullivan (U.S. Patent No. 6,615,240).

Applicants respectfully traverse each and every anticipation and obviousness rejection set forth in the Final Action. Applicants presented a very detailed, persuasive explanation regarding the legal and factually deficiencies of the claim rejections in Applicants previously filed Amendment. The Examiner has responded with essentially the same rejections which Applicants respectfully contend are premised on unreasonable mischaracterizations and interpretations of the prior art teachings as applied to the claimed inventions, which renders the claim rejections legally deficient as a matter of fact and law. As such, Applicants have filed a Notice of Appeal along with a Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Review with an accompanying Statement setting forth a concise explanation as to how the claims rejections are clearly erroneous as a matter of law and fact, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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